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SUBJECT: US PAYMENTS TO ILO

- 1. FINANCE COMMITTEE OF ILO GOVERNING BODY WILL BE REVIEWING STATUS OF FINANCIAL SITUATION NO LATER THAN AT ITS SECOND SITTING AT 3 PM GENEVA TIME ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11.
- 2. PROSPECTS OF US PAYMENT WILL BE OF PRIME CONCERN TO THE COMMITTEE. THIS BREAKS DOWN INTO TWO PARTS: (A) PAYMENT OF THE APPROXIMATELY \$6.7 MILLION ALREADY APPROPRIATED TO COVER OUR 1974 ARREARS AND THE FIRST HALF OF OUR 1975 ASSESSED DUES, AND (B) THE BALANCE OF OUR 1975 DUES AND OUR 1976 DUES FOR WHICH A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION REQUEST WILL HAVE TO BE MADE TO THE CONGRESS. UNCLASSIFIED

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3. WITH RESPECT TO THE FUNDS ALREADY APPROPRIATED, EVEN THOUGH AUTHORIZATION BILL NOT YET PASSED, DOES NOT THE LEGAL ADVISOR'S OPINION, ON THE BASIS OF WHICH A SUBSTANTIAL PAYMENT ALREADY HAS BEEN MADE TO THE WHO, APPLY EQUALLY TO THE PAYMENT OF OUR ASSESSED DUE TO THE ILO? COULD NOT PAYMENT OF THE \$6.7 MILLION BE MADE PROMPTLY TO THE ILO DURING THE COURSE OF THE ILO GOVERNING BODY WHICH ENDS ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21? IW WOULD GREATLY REASSURE THE GOVERNING BODY AND THE DIRECTOR GENERAL THAT THE UNITED STATES INDEED DOES INTEND TO MEET ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS PROMPTLY DURING THE NOTICE PERIOD IF USDEL COULD INFORM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, THAT THE PAYMENT OF OUR ARREARS AND THE FIRST HALF OF OUR 1975 ASSESSMENT WILL BE PAID WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS. MEANY'S OPPOSITION TO PROMPT PAYMENT NO LONGER PROBLEM IN VIEW HIS STATMENT AT NOV 6 PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. REGARDING THE BALANCE OF OUR 1975 ASSESSMENT, USDEL OF COURSE CANNOT GIVE ANY ASSURANCES WITH ANY PRECISION AS TO THE LIKELY TIMING OF THE PAYMENT. THIS WILL DEPEND UPON THE SPEED AND NATURE OF CONGRESSIONAL ACTION. USDEL HOWEVER COULD INDICATE WHETHER OR NOT THE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE CONGRESS BEFORE THE END OF THE CURRENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS, OR WHETHER IT WILL BE SUBMITTED EARLY IN THE NEXT SESSION NEXT YEAR. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE TIMING OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL REQUEST: I.E., WHETHER DURING THE PRESENT SESSION OF THE CONGRESS OR EARLY NEXT YEAR TO THE NEW SESSION OF THE CONGRESS.

5. REPLY TO THESE TWO QUESTIONS BEFORE 3 PM (GENEVA TIME) SITTING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED. DALE

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